

BUILDING OPERATIONS AT A TOTAL OF \$2,202,777

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lobby. The directors' room, very nicely fitted, is at the rear of the building.

One feature of the bank that attracts particular attention is the modern safe deposit vault, built at an expense of many thousands of dollars, with walls of re-enforced concrete and railroad iron surrounding the burglar-proof steel of the vault itself. The vault extends from the basement floor level close up to the floor of the second story, is very roomy and contains several safe deposit boxes which have heavy steel doors and separate Yale locks.

The present banking home of the institution marks a long step forward from what its first quarters were in the dwelling house now occupied by J. Sprague Bard in Brooklyn as well as over the other homes it has occupied in Brooklyn and Danvers since the institution was organized in 1822.

The present officers of the bank are the following: President, Timothy E. Hopkins; vice-president and cashier, Nathan D. Prince; with these directors—Col. Wm. A. Gaston, Boston; Judge Milton A. Shumway, Danvers; Charles A. Tillinghast, Danvers; A. J. Burdick, Plainfield; and Nathaniel G. Williams, Brooklyn, Conn.

STATE HOSPITAL'S NEW BUILDINGS.

Showed Expenditures of \$165,787.54 in Past Year—Included Two Wards For 100 Patients Each, Shop Building, Horse Barn, Root Cellar and Poultry Plant Buildings.

Under construction at the Norwich State Hospital in the past year and to be completed for occupancy during this January have been two wards buildings, each for 100 patients, a shop building containing carpenter shop, paint shop, mason's shop, and space for lumber storage with a dry room and glue room, a horse barn and a root cellar.

In these has been represented the sum of \$164,937.54 expended, this amount coming through the appropriations from the legislature, while in addition to these there have been erected with the hospital's own force of help a frame poultry house, 112 feet by 18 feet, and six colony brooder houses and a small frame slaughter house. This has been at a cost of about \$850, which with the state appropriations makes a total of \$165,787.54 in building expenditures for the year.

The ward buildings and the shop building are of brick exterior with reinforced concrete floors and ceilings. The horse barn which consists of the main barn and two wings for horses, accommodating 18, has reinforced concrete frame with a curtain wall of terra cotta blocks, and floor slabs of reinforced concrete. The root cellar has vegetable preparation room and fruit storage on the first floor.

The year closes with 1,060 patients at the institution and a force of 205 officers and employees. In the establishment of this fine and modern hospital for the insane the state has expended in buildings altogether a total of over \$1,500,000.

Net Maintenance Expense \$189,419. In the past year the gross maintenance cost of the hospital has been \$194,321.65, which was reduced to a net cost of \$189,419.99 through miscellaneous sales and other items.

Trustees. The present board of trustees is composed of Costello Lippitt, who is chairman, Dr. C. E. Stark, H. H. Gallup and Dr. James J. Donohue, all of Norwich; Eugene H. Burr, of Middletown, who is secretary; Edmund S. Greeley, New Haven; George T. Waldo, Bridgeport; Edwin C. Pinney, Stafford Springs; Dr. Charles A. Jenkins, Williamamantic; Dr. James H. Naylor, Hartford; Dr. Lester Watrous, New London. Judge Nelson J. Ayling is treasurer.

Medical Staff. The present medical staff comprises Dr. H. M. Pollock, who is superintendent, Thomas F. Erdman, assistant superintendent, and Edward A. Everett, Esther S. B. Woodward, C. Fletcher Souder and Frederick N. Beardsley, who are the assistant physicians; Dr. Helen Todd, who is the interne, and Dr. S. R. Klein, who is the pathologist.

The visiting surgeons are Dr. Harry Lee, of New London and Dr. James J. Donohue, of Norwich. Dr. F. L. La Pierre and Dr. A. J. La Pierre hold weekly clinics and examine the patients for treatment for the eye, ear, nose and throat and Dr. R. R. Kinkaid looks after the dental needs of the patients each week.

Department Heads.

The department heads include the following: Miss Nancy McMaster, general head nurse and superintendent of training school; Alfred Davies, John C. Daggett, Mary Daggett and Maud Dupuis, supervisors; Julius S. Hyde, head of counting department; Ida De Haven, registered pharmacist; Anna W. Potter, industrial teacher; Minnie Palmer, housekeeper; William P. Galligan, house steward; W. S. Palmer, head farmer; J. F. Yerrington, chief engineer; Mrs. Emily N. Wilson, dietitian; Sadie C. Geer, head laundress; William Irons, head carpenter; William Wicks, head painter; Paul Vynck, head mason; and Gustave Dich, gardener.

\$1,500,000 in Buildings.

The complete equipment of the Norwich State hospital in its buildings, now representing an expenditure of about \$1,500,000, comprises the following: Administration building, central dining room with employees dining room, dance hall and amusement hall, building for kitchen, bakery and root cellar, fire station, laundry building, laboratory building, club house for employees, power station, two cottages for women nurses, superintendent's house, staff house, 12 ward buildings, colony building, cow barn, horse barn, poultry plant, pump house, and several other minor buildings.

For the Future.

With all the provision made both at Middletown and at the Norwich hospital for the insane of the state there is yet need of more provision to be made for these unfortunate, which it is shown increase about 100 each year in the state their ratio of increase being about twice as fast as the population. In view of this fact provision will have to be made by the coming legislature for the care of about 100 additional insane in the state.

Whether this will be done through additions at the existing colony at Mansfield or to the state school for the feeble-minded at Lakewood, or by the erection of an eighth building for 100 patients either at the Middletown or the Norwich hospital is the question to be faced. If the state plan for inmates were established this would not materially decrease the number of commitments to both Norwich and Middletown hospitals, but not the number to be cared for at the hospitals as most of those now patients will in all likelihood continue so.

Appropriations to Be Asked For.

Among several matters for which appropriations are to be asked from the coming legislature for the Norwich State hospital is the increase of the water supply either by means the present plan at the hospital—namely, so as to impound 25 million gallons instead of seven million gallons as at present, or by drilling an additional deep well, or by obtaining an extension of the Norwich city water main to supplement the hospital's supply.

Cottages for the male nurses similar to the two now provided for the female nurses are desired as well as a cottage for the home of married employees.

Owing to the increased size of the medical staff it is quite likely also that a small cottage for the assistant superintendent may be included in the buildings to be asked for.

Shacks For Tuberculosis Patients.

Another small appropriation that will be desired will be for shacks for tuberculous patients for whom there should be accommodations for from 25 to 30. At the present time they can be taken care of only on the porches of the ward buildings where the other patients are. It is unwholesome to care for any person suffering from tuberculosis in an almshouse and the trustees of the Norwich State hospital feel that the legislature and the employees there are worthy of as much protection in the matter of tuberculosis as the citizens of the state.

The trustees also expect to ask for an appropriation for a small cottage for contagious disease patients.

More For Maintenance.

It is the expectation to ask also for an increased appropriation for maintenance. At present the state hospital receives \$2 per week from the towns or from friends of patients as the case may be and an additional \$1.50 per week per patient from the state. The present price of caring for the insane was fixed by the general assembly in 1888. Prior to that time the cost had been gradually reduced from the actual cost of board to \$4.50 per week and since that time there has been a continued advance in the cost of labor and supplies and a steady reduction in the hours of labor. For example at Middletown ten years ago the cost per capita was \$2.50, but during last year the cost was \$3.50 per capita at Middletown where there are 2,500 patients. At the Norwich State hospital, where there have been a little less than 1,000 patients the cost per capita was \$3.62, to meet which an additional appropriation was secured at the last legislature.

AT TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM.

One Hundred and Eighty-one Patients Were Treated in the Year—Maintenance Cost Was About \$45,000—Norwich Sent 33 Patients and New London 47.

In the past year at the Norwich State Tuberculosis sanatorium, which closes its second year on February 13th next, there have been 181 patients treated, of whom 104 were males and 77 females, and the discharges from the sanatorium up to October 1, 1914 were 17 arrested cases and 80 improved cases. In the year also there have been 36 deaths at the institution, not a surprising record when it is considered that of the 181 patients coming there only 18 were cases in the early stages, while 165 were moderately advanced or advanced cases.

Those coming to the sanatorium have been from all sections of the state, New London and Norwich leading. From New London came 26 males and 21 females, from Norwich 18 males and 15 females, from Bridgeport 8 patients, Branford 5, Willimantic 7 males and 7 females, from New Haven 6 males and 7 females, and the rest coming from over 20 different places in the state.

The present registration is 48 men and 35 women, while the average throughout the year has been 80, which is nearly up to the capacity of the institution, 92.

As the state allotment per week per patient is \$11, the sanatorium has been conducted at a maintenance expense of about \$45,000 for the year.

One of the circumstances that has helped in keeping the expenses down has been the successful conduct of the sanatorium farm, which from 6½ to 7 acres raised 1,500 bushels of potatoes, while in addition from the 13 acres that are farmed there was raised sufficient green vegetables for most of the summer and sufficient hay and oats to take care of the stock. The tract of land on which the sanatorium is located comprises in all from 30 to 31 acres.

During the year some improvements have been made at the sanatorium plant under the direction of the state board and Dr. Hugh B. Campbell, the superintendent, consisting of putting in a new refrigerating system, a steam cooking apparatus, concreting the cellars and some minor improvements. There are needs yet to be asked for when the state commission appears before the governor and legislature at the coming session.

The present sanatorium staff comprises Dr. Hugh B. Campbell, who is superintendent; Dr. E. J. Lynch, assistant superintendent; Miss Clara M. Christoph, bookkeeper; Miss Catherine Keesack, head nurse; Miss Nettie M. Artley, housekeeper, and Thomas J. Kelly, farmer.

TROLLEY BUSINESS INCREASES.

Lines That Center in Norwich Carried 4.22 Per Cent. More Passengers in 1914—Service Was Improved—Six Hundred and Seventy-five Men Employed on Eastern Connecticut Trolley Lines.

A comparison of the number of passengers carried on the trolley centering in Norwich shows a considerable increase in the past year over the year that preceded it, and a comparison of the miles operated indicates a considerable improvement in the service rendered.

The total number of passengers carried in the year 1914, on the New London division, which includes the cities of New London and Norwich, the Montville Street railway and the lines from the north terminating in Norwich, was.....13,875,894

On the Norwich and Westerly Traction company, which includes the Groton and Stonington railway.....4,846,409

The number of miles operated on these two properties was 2,261,770 and 1,005,440, respectively.

The number of passengers carried on the New London division in the year 1913, is.....14,495,972

The number of miles operated is.....3,232,345

The number of passengers carried on the Norwich and Westerly Traction company is.....5,017,947

The number of miles operated is.....1,056,169

There is thus shown an increase in passengers carried on all lines centering in Norwich of 4.22 per cent; and an increase of car mileage, or service rendered, of 3.44 per cent.

The total number of passengers carried by all the lines, the management of which is centered in Norwich, is.....24,571,744

Total Payroll of About \$500,000.

The importance of this industry to Norwich is, perhaps, not fully appreciated, and it may be of interest for the public to

know that there are, in the employ of these trolley properties, 675 men, with a total payroll of about \$500,000.

Under One Management.

While the trolley properties of Eastern Connecticut were originally controlled by several different interests, they were, in the summer of 1912, consolidated, so that today there is, under one management, 240 miles of street railway, which might reasonably be said to center in Norwich. This system puts the cities of New London and Norwich into touch with all the people of New London and Windham counties, and with all the shore towns of Middlesex county.

Extensions and Improvements.

During the year there have been extensions and improvements involving large expenditures, the Saybrook division having been extended from Deep River to Chester, an extension made in New London from the Parade to the new freight station in Water street, and an exceptionally fine freight terminal provided, the preparation of this terminal being but one step in the direction of improved trolley freight facilities and service, as it is the aim of the management to develop this end of the business, first, by providing the proper facilities, and, then, rendering adequate service.

New Cars Bought and More Coming.

The facilities for handling passenger service have been, during the year, materially helped by the purchase of 13 modern cars, 8 of them being of the semi-convertible type and provided with the latest and most up-to-date equipment, and to these will be added, during the winter, 10 interurban cars of the very latest type and of larger capacity than any now in use by the company.

Improved Track and Roadbed.

The track and roadway over the entire system have been put into exceptionally fine condition, several new concrete bridges having replaced the older type of bridge constructed of wood or steel.

The line between Norwich and New London has been much improved through the purchase of property that has admitted of eliminating several bad curves, making it easier to maintain the schedule, and this work will be continued as opportunity presents.

Thamesville Power Plant Doubled.

The power plant at Thamesville has been more than doubled in capacity by installation of the very latest machinery at an expense of something over \$100,000, and other changes and improvements under way will insure regularity of service.

Long Distance Trolley Travel.

The Shore Line Electric railway system now makes up part of a through trackage from Boston to New York, a service which has been used by those who enjoy long distance trolley trips as on outing.

The improvement in the roadbed and equipment of the Norwich and Westerly Traction company has made possible a service in the running time between Norwich and Westerly and today a service is rendered that offers exceptional connections at Westerly through to Providence and Boston, and both time and money is saved to the traveler in using this route.

During the year attractive folders with map of Eastern Connecticut have been distributed and may be secured by application to the company at any of its various offices.

ROBERTSON BOX FACTORY.

Fine New Building Erected By Montville Company—Is 208x50 Feet—Two Stories and Basement.

Construction work that was begun in May for the C. M. Robertson company at Montville, makers of folding paper has added to their plant a fine modern paper box factory, which is now ready to receive the machinery.

The new building is largely of reinforced concrete construction with brick walls, and is 208 feet long by 50 feet wide. The main floor and the second floor are the full size of the building, while at the rear a basement floor, but entirely above the ground, owing to the slope of the land at this point, is provided for. This is about one-third the size of the other two floors.

Reinforced concrete slabs form the flooring for the main floor and for the basement, while the floor of the second story is of heavy pine supported on steel pillars and girders.

One of the features of the building is the abundance of light which is provided for it by a row of thirteen large windows along each floor and on each side of the building and a row of three windows across the ends of the building.

The main entrance is at the north end and is of width sufficient to drive into while on each side at this end there are wide entrances.

The new factory building makes one of the best of the kind in the town and will add greatly to the equipment of the Robertson company, which suffered a fire loss at one of its mills in the past summer and has also rebuilt this damaged section of its plant. The rebuilt section, however, is not yet in operating condition.

INCORPORATED 1840

NEW LONDON COUNTY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY 1915

Seventy-fifth Anniversary

In accord with an Anniversary spirit we have chosen for the subject of our 1915 calendar the work of a native of Norwich.

The half-tone but poorly portrays Mr. Goodwin's strong picture of Western camp life, which is one of his latest productions, and done in bold coloring.

Beside a work of art the calendar—for local distribution—will serve a high degree of utility, embracing a list of Norwich Fire Alarm Boxes.

We shall be glad to present the Calendar to adults, with a brief historical leaflet recounting the wonderful growth of this Company.

Your Agent will supply you or call at Home Office

Calendar Subject 1915



WHERE THE TALL PINES GROW

By Philip R. Goodwin

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In the shelter of a little cove, under the wing of a clump of veteran pines, two blanketed figures, as if impelled by some hidden force, turn over and uncover two tousled heads to blink at the gray dawn.

Soon the silent pair with mutual understanding begin the meagre culinary preparations. Breakfast over the chuck-box is repacked, and pausing merely to light the friendly pipe they promptly turn to "breaking camp."

With scarce a glance at the East which has burst into a flame of pink and gold, these two spirits of the woods push swiftly off from the sandy shore and ply their silent paddles. Another day's work has begun.

This painting is significant of its author—Philip R. Goodwin—and his trips into the remote regions of this country. He was born in Norwich in 1881. He has been a pupil of Howard Pyle and it was Pyle's enthusiasm and skill which have in a great measure aided Goodwin to his present high standing in the world of art.

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